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OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Expressive Speech Annual Report

December 31, 2024

Pursuant to 70 O.S. §2120, Northwestern Oklahoma State University submits the following to demonstrate its course of action for compliance with the requirements of this statute.

### Campus Expression Policy

Please find the full policy and procedures under the Campus Expression tab at <https://www.nwosu.edu/student-services>.

### Professional Development for Students and Employees

Northwestern Oklahoma State University communicates policy and expectations to students and employees through educational programming provided to the faculty, staff, and students, as well as publication of policies in their respective handbooks and on the university's website. The university may also choose to communicate new policy and/or updates through electronic communication. Professional development materials include a summary sheet of general education points and an information postcard for the campus community and the public.

### Copy of Professional Development Training Information Sheet

The following professional development information was provided to the campus community via meetings with faculty, staff, and students. The information is also located in the Student Services Office, in Ryerson Hall, on the Alva Campus and in the front office on the Woodward and Enid locations.

## NWOSU Professional Development First Amendment, Expressive Speech, and 70 O.S. §2120

### Part 1: State Law

- Passed in the 2019 Oklahoma Legislature, signed by the Governor, effective August 30, 2019. Available [online](#).
- In brief, the law requires that, on Oklahoma public colleges and universities campuses, the campus community and the public may use **unrestricted accessible outdoor space** for **non-commercial expressive activities** because this space is now designated by this statute a traditional public forum. As such, this space can be used unless it **materially and substantially disrupts** the functioning of the University subject to non-discriminatory **time, place, and manner restrictions**.
- This law is consistent with historical federal guidance regarding 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment protected events on this issue, but also requires:
  - New University policy
  - New training for faculty, staff, and students
  - Annual report to the Governor and Legislature
    - Posted on university webpage (<3 links)
  - Notification of lawsuits

## **Part 2: University Policy**

- In accordance with the state law, NWOSU has developed a policy which addresses the bolded key terms above. The policy is available on the NWOSU website under Campus Expression at <https://www.nwosu.edu/student-services>.
- Take time to review the time, place, and manner restrictions.

## **Part 3: Expectations**

- Guide outdoor visitors to the correct resources on the NWOSU website [www.nwosu.edu](http://www.nwosu.edu).
- Greet outdoor expressive speech visitors with a *Visitor Information Card* and introducing yourself. Copy of *Visitor Information Card* provided below.

## **Part 4: Additional Helpful Information**

- The University designates the following indoor facilities as *unavailable* for Expressive Activity: administrative offices, laboratories, and (during instructional hours) classrooms.
- It is recommended by the University for the Campus Community and the public to contact the Dean of Student Affairs and/or the respective Campus Dean if there is a planned Expressive Activity to be held on outdoor areas, so that any questions regarding safety and/or set-up may be discussed. You can contact the Dean of Student Affairs by email at [studentservices@nwosu.edu](mailto:studentservices@nwosu.edu).
- The Campus Community and the public may reserve indoor space by completing the Facility and Event Registration Form (<https://www.nwosu.edu/forms/event-reservation-form>) online. Reservations should be given at least twenty-four (24) hours advance notice, as defined by the calendar of administrative office days.
- Time, place and manner restrictions are in effect. Please read the policy in its entirety. Examples include:
  - No items may be attached in any manner to trees, bushes, benches, light poles, buildings, vehicles, or permanent signs.
  - Non-commercial pamphlets, handbills, fliers, and other written materials may be distributed on a person-to-person basis in open areas outside of building if done in a way to avoid substantial littering on the campus.

## **Part 5: Campus Training**

- Training has been completed during the Fall 2024 semester as required by the Oklahoma Free Speech Committee.

## Copy of Visitor Information Card

# WELCOME TO NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY



### How Can We Help You?

**Student Services**  
(580) 327-8414  
Located in Ryerson Hall - Alva Campus  
*Accessible Restrooms*

**Student Center**  
(580) 327-8623  
Located on Alva Campus  
*Food Service, Vending Machines, Accessible Restrooms*

**Woodward Campus**  
(580) 254-2500  
*Vending Machines, Accessible Restrooms*

**Enid Campus**  
(580) 213-3101  
*Vending Machines, Accessible Restrooms*

Campus Map can be accessed at  
[www.nwosu.edu/visit-northwestern/campus-map](http://www.nwosu.edu/visit-northwestern/campus-map)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit [www.nwosu.edu/forms/event-reservation-form](http://www.nwosu.edu/forms/event-reservation-form) for information about holding on-campus demonstrations. \*

*\* This is for your benefit and not required for your visit.*

For emergencies, please call Campus Police at (580) 327-8511

### OUR MISSION

We provide quality education and cultural opportunities to learners with diverse needs.

### OUR VISION

We are an innovative regional university whose students succeed and lead in their endeavors.

### BELIEFS & VALUES

#### Academic Excellence

We provide the best possible educational experience for every student by focusing on quality teaching and responding to the learning needs of each student.

#### Accessibility

We are a multiple site regional university committed to maintaining affordability and seeking new methods of delivering to our constituencies.

#### Community

We create a sense of community that extends beyond our campus boundaries by promoting institutional and individual service to others.

#### Diversity

We promote the expression of differing opinions and beliefs and value the differences in every individual.

#### Responsibility

We will maintain the highest levels of ethical standards and accountability.



## NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is a public regional university that has received national acclaim for its combination of high quality academic programs and affordability. With knowledgeable faculty teaching programs on three campuses, and a commitment to affordability and quality, we're equipped to guide you to personal and professional success.



Average age of an  
NWOSU student is 23



75% are in-state  
students



1,366 students attend  
full-time  
Fall 2023



87% are traditional  
students 25 years old  
or below



564 students attend  
part-time  
Fall 2023



32% of student  
population are minority  
Fall 2023

## **Barriers or Disruptions of Free Expression**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University experienced no barriers or disruptions of free speech during the calendar year ending December 31, 2024.

This report can be found by selecting the Campus Expression tab at <https://www.nwosu.edu/student-services>.